

here. Eight children in one family were very sick with typhoid fever until the other day, one a young man of 23 was taken to the cemetery, and four were taken to the hospital and that leaves only three to be cared for at home. The people are very poor and live in a small house. One does not need to look around much for opportunities of doing good. I can find plenty of cases that need all the time, strength and money that I have.

After buying a pair of good shoes and two pair of woolen stockings for a little girl that was almost barefooted and had a severe cold, I was amply rewarded for all the good that I have ever done, by the great impressions made upon that child. The father of the family had deserted the mother and three children, and the mother is doing the best she can to support herself and children by washing. The little girl is only nine years old and she said, "Mamma, if joining church makes people so good, I'm going to join church too."

I pray that the Lord may send more shepherds to care for the sheep. EMMA V. HOUSER.

#### Stanley, Wis.

This little plant made its appearance here in this "unfriendly world" last spring thru the efforts of brother J. O. Talley, not yet one year old, condemned at once as an "obnoxious weed," still lives and is growing. Praise the Lord. Commenced with two preaching points. Been locked out of one, have three left, with two confessions at a new point. I am trying to give all my time to the work, but it is slow work to get the members to see their duty in helping to preach the gospel. We are going to try and have brother J. O. Talley here again this spring, and have our communion at that time. "The Twentieth Century Number of the EVANGELIST" we think is splendid. It has found its way into a good many homes here in this community; also the "Brethren Annual."

Wife and I, if the Lord wills start to-morrow for a new point north-west of Stanley, about 15 miles from home. Brethren, pray for us.

F. D. VAN BUREN.

#### New Paris, Ind.

The EVANGELIST is a welcome visitor with us. If only every member of the church would take it, there would not be so much contention and murmuring. We are without a pastor at this time and have been ever since the convention at Warsaw, but we are trying to do our might in the Lord's vineyard. We organized an S. S. C. E. last year and realized enough to paper and paint our church in side and out. Our desire is to do better work this year than last. We are not very strong in numbers neither in the church nor the S. S. C. E., but we still look forward to a brighter day. Pray for us at New Paris that we may all prove faithful followers of Jesus and many others may join with us. We are expecting Brother Summers next month with the expectation of securing him as our pastor. MRS. DAN. C. MILLER.

#### Neshbitt, Okla.

At a meeting near Crescent, Okla., on the first Sunday in January, 1901, I promised the brethren that I would let them hear from us thru our church paper once in awhile if my productions are not cast into the waste basket.

What I want to say first is that we are located in Kingfisher county, Oklahoma. We have preaching each alternate Sunday and sometimes oftener. Wife and I are the only members in the township. The nearest members to us are brother A. Stephens and his wife. They are twelve miles east of us. There are scattered over the territory between 40 and fifty members. At one place 14 miles north of us near Sheridan, in Kingfisher county, are two families Elmer Lalicker and his wife and O. J. Baldwin and wife. Henry Miller, his wife and daughter are seven miles south-east of the city of Enid. I. J. Wimer and his wife are near Billings and one of his daughters a Mrs. Markes is south-east of Enid, six miles from Brother Miller. And

brother David Province is nine miles east of the city of Guthrie. And some are about sixty miles west of Elrena and some are west of Enid. But so far as I know Brother Stephens and I are the only ministers in Oklahoma and we need help and we need it badly. DAN. HARADER.

#### Salem, Ind.

Brother Hubbard has just closed a series of meetings of twenty-eight sermons. One came by letter, two were baptized, five more to be baptized, eight in all. Good attendance at all the services and what we consider one of Salem's most interesting and soul-stirring meetings. Truly this was a spiritual feast to the attentive hearer. We can say as we heard many others say that we were wonderfully blest during these meetings, and we believe many more will be added during this conference year if we will continue in prayer and well-doing, for we know of many that are under conviction and some that are not satisfied with their present church home. We believe Brother Hubbard to be a thoroughly consecrated man, a man that would rather die than compromise with sin. We hated very much to give up Brother Hopkins, but he promised to come back next year if we wanted him. He recommended Brother Hubbard to us and said he thought we would like him so well we would want to keep him, and we guess he said about right for our people and others speak well of him. J. A. CATRON.

#### Turlock, Calif.

Brethren, we enjoyed the "Twentieth Century" number immensely all around. We have been distributing the Brethren Annual thru the congregation too. Every family here wants an annual.

There has been a measles epidemic at Turlock for more than a month, and lots of our people have been sick, so much so that last Sunday we had no preaching service nor Young Peoples' meeting. But we hope everything will go on all right in a short time. We even had to forgo the pleasure of a Christmas tree on that account. Yet we are thankful the Lord has spared every life, tho there were some serious cases, not only measles, but pneumonia.

We expect to have a good revival meeting the last part of March and then you will hear from this quarter again. May we all receive divine strength and grace to carry out our good New Year resolutions, and be faithful to our blessed Master. RUBY C. NELSON.

#### Pittsburg Echoes

We always believed in carrying flowers to those we love while they are living, as well as to place them on their caskets after they have gone to the better land. Asking pardon, we wish to speak of the kindness and love of our people during the sickness and death of our beloved companion.

They anxiously watched with us during her sickness, doing all that was possible to help, and after her departure, they rallied loyally around us to sustain us in the dark hour of separation. After leaving our loved one sleeping in beautiful Grand View cemetery, overlooking the city of Johnstown, we left for New York where we spent a few days endeavoring to bear up under the heavy burden.

How dark the home coming. When we were coming back to Pittsburg, we were despondent and down-hearted, realizing that our home was broken up, and that we were alone, and the world is truly lonely when our loved ones go away for the last time. We felt as tho we were a wanderer and an outcast on the earth, little realizing the kind hearts that were waiting our coming. On prayer meeting evening, when we entered the church, we saw written in large letters, on a chart overhanging the sacred desk where we tell the gospel story, the words, "Welcome Home, Pastor." Our heart filled with gratitude and our eyes with tears, for we knew that those words were not only on the chart, but on the hearts of our people as well, as we have been made to feel since our return.

They gave us a call as their pastor for another

year, and on the eleventh anniversary of the organization of the church in this city, they presented us with a purse of forty three dollars as another expression of their love.

We shall always appreciate these kind deeds, and we hope to be ever worthy of the confidence and love, and as their pastor, help them in their discouragements and dark hours of life. May our heavenly Father's choicest blessings ever rest on these kind hands and sympathetic hearts and at last grant us all a home in glory.

ROGER E. DARLING.

#### Morrisons Cove Items

With gratitude to the giver of all good for blessings received and success attained, we report the events of the first months' work in the new year as well as the new century.

*Meeting at New Enterprise.*—On the evening of Dec. 31, we closed the old year and century by beginning a series of meetings at New Enterprise which continued until Sunday evening, Jan. 20.

On Tuesday the 15th, we baptized seven and on Sunday the 20th, we baptized four more with two applicants to receive baptism yet; good attendance and good interest manifested. The church was very much strengthened and better prepared for future work.

*Pleasant Surprise.*—On Tuesday evening after the baptismal service and the services at night, we just reached home when a young sister came, apparently as a caller, but her real mission was to prevent us retiring until the "invaders" had received "marching orders." Without any hint of what was about to transpire, there rushed into our home, men, women, boys and girls carrying sacks of flour, potatoes, apples, canned goods, sugar, dressed chicken, (the preachers choice), beef, a dress for wife, some hard cash, and even our "Arabian steed, Harry," was not forgotten, as sacks of corn were brought for him, and other things too numerous to mention. To say, many thanks, and that it was appreciated is our weak way of expressing it. May God's blessings rest upon them.

*Church dedication.*—On last Sunday, Jan. 27, we were called to Langdondale to dedicate a new church, built as a union house. The Methodist minister preached on Saturday evening; we were given the Sunday morning services and the dedication of the church. Our congregation responded very liberally to our appeal for means to liquidate the debt, but a small balance remained, which was assumed by the Sunday-school. A Sunday-school rally was held in the afternoon, and the Presbyterian minister preached in the evening.

Here is an opening for the Brethren church, and altho we have a large field of labor, yet if the State Mission Board will help us, we will enter this "door of opportunity in this new field where we believe much may be accomplished.

*A new church in Martinsburg.*—We have most of the material on the ground for a new church in Martinsburg. The church house known as the Fredericksburg church, which was two miles east of Martinsburg, has been torn down and moved here and is being rebuilt with the addition of two dressing rooms and a baptistry and other changes.

The membership was at one time mostly at Fredericksburg, but the majority of them are now located permanently at Martinsburg, with a much better field for work, and for this reason we are moving the house, and have been giving Martinsburg half the services due Fredericksburg.

*Change of Location.*—We are now located in Martinsburg having moved from New Enterprise on Tuesday, Jan. 22. We enjoyed the association with the church there very much and found them to be an earnest, devoted, kind-hearted people who made our stay among them pleasant by their kindness, and our reason for changing location was because we could not secure a house suitable for our family. They were very kind in helping us pack our goods and furnished teams to move us to our new home. We are comfortably situated now